

News Briefs

New airport shuttle hours

A shuttle service to Frankfurt International Airport is available from Spangdahlem AB's Eifel Arms Inn for \$45 each way, per adult, on a first come, first served basis at a maximum of 50 passengers. Children ages 6 and younger ride for \$22.50. From Monday through Friday, the shuttle departs base lodging at 5:15 a.m. and arrives at Terminal 1 by 8 a.m. It leaves the terminal at 10:30 a.m. Pets travel in the bus cargo area for free. Call 452-7684 for details.

Youth programs kudos

Spangdahlem AB Youth Program officials laud James Dugan, Spangdahlem AB School Age coordinator, Randall Greenfield, Spangdahlem AB Youth Sports director, and Kimberly Whatley, Bitburg Annex School Age coordinator, for organizing youth and their families to raise hurricane relief funds for Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. The youth programs staffers coordinated several fundraising events to generate thousands in funds for the Gulf Coast training base.

USAFE IMA visits

Senior Master Sgt. Sheryl Gushi, USAFE Information Management Administrator, visits Spangdahlem AB for a one-day informational briefing Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the 52nd MSS military personnel flight building 131, room 301. Commander's Support Staffs as well as IMAs and IMA supervisors are encouraged to attend. The briefing topics will clarify IMA personnel processes such as enlisted- and officer-performance report processing, decorations, and promotions. For more information, call Master Sgt. Terry Wise at 452-4166.

Jury duty scam

The U.S. Army Criminal Information Bulletin advises servicemembers of a jury duty scam used by identity thieves to deceive victims into revealing their personal information. Scammers have reportedly called victims at their home or office telling them they failed to report for jury duty and that a bench warrant has been issued for their arrest. The scammers claim the "clerical error" can be corrected by obtaining names, social security numbers or dates of birth, and will solicit credit card or bank account numbers claiming these will be used by their credit bureau to "verify" the victim's identity. Legitimate court employees will never call to solicit information, and would send any official notifications by standard mail delivery. People who receive such calls should record the scammer's phone number (if caller ID is available) and immediately report the contact to security forces authorities at 452-6666 or the Office of Special Investigations at 452-6291.

52nd MDG closure

The 52nd Medical Group will be closed Nov. 3 for training. People in need of urgent care can visit the Bitburg Annex Hospital Emergency Room.

Horns a-plenty

Didn't make it to Munich? Oktoberfest is in full swing in Wittlich.

Read about the Bungert Oktoberfest on Page 7.



RESCON Watch

BRAVO

1-2 DUIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI: **13**

Large unit with best record: 52nd Communications Squadron, 239 days
Small units with best record: 52nd Medical Support Squadron, 52nd Dental Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron: No DUIs
Data Courtesy of the 52nd SFS

When going out, have a plan or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.

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National pharmacy week

Senior Airman Kirk Johnson, 52nd Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician, holds up a cholesterol lowering pill during a drug count Oct. 7. National Pharmacy Week takes place Oct. 23-29 with this year's theme: "Educate Before You Medicate -- Knowledge is the Best Medicine -- Talk With Your Pharmacist." The education provided by pharmacists gives patients the information they need to achieve positive health outcomes. Read more about National Pharmacy Week on Page 2.

Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

MDG renovations underway

By Senior Airman Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Effective immediately and running through Jan. 2006, two of the 52nd Medical Group's main buildings are undergoing refurbishment.

Spangdahlem AB clinic building 137 improvements are slated for completion Dec. 19, and the Bitburg Annex Hospital Emergency Room building 61 renovation takes place Oct. 24 to Jan. 5.

"The (52nd MDG) goal is to ensure readiness by improving patient care areas from entrance to exit of our medical facilities," said Capt. Keith Waid, 52nd Medical Support Squadron medical logistics flight commander.

Though the patients' care experience and comfort are paramount, 52nd MDG officials said the facilities' "face lift" also holds practical purposes.

"We aim to streamline patient traffic, staff work flow and privacy, and also revamp outdated aesthetics by creating a 21st-century healthcare experience," Captain Waid said.

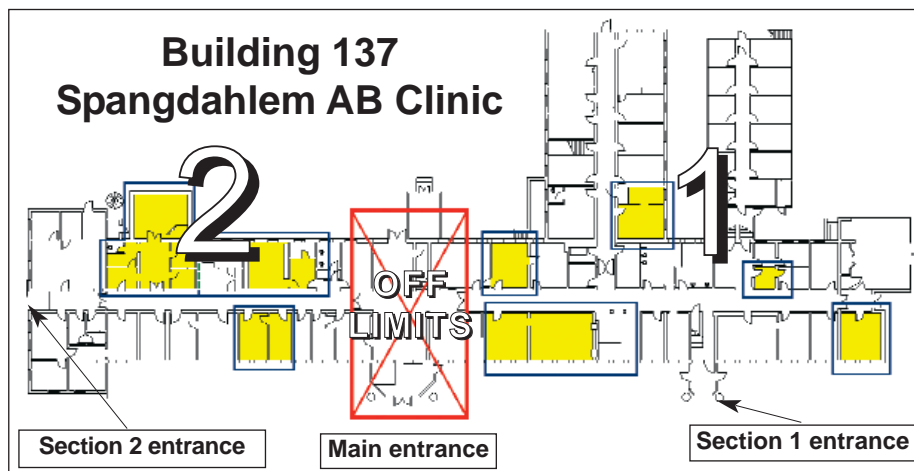
The renovations will yield long-term benefits by centralizing frequently used ancillary functions in building 137, such as the pharmacy, outpatient records, laboratory and dental clinic entrance, the captain said.

He added that the Bitburg Annex ER will feature a new check-in window, private screening room and centralized ER staff work center.

Medical group officials said they want to maximize patient understanding and convenience in relation to both facilities' alternate entrances.

The renovations call for patients to use building 137's alternate entrances, now titled "Section 1" (located to the right of the main entrance) and "Section 2" (located to the left of the main entrance at the ambulance bay).

Captain Waid cited an example of



Building 137 now uses alternate entrances. The Section 1 entrance to the right of the main door provides access to the family practice clinic, outpatient records, immunizations, the pharmacy, SMART office, dental clinic and PRP office. The Section 2 entrance to the left of the main door provides access to ambulance services, the laboratory, radiology, TRICARE, population health and information systems.

how the new entrances would impact patients.

"A patient who is seen in family practice, dental, SMART or immunization and needs an X-ray, lab specimen drawn, or to speak with a TRICARE representative will have to exit the building, travel to the opposite end of the building and re-enter in Section 2. A patient who reports to the laboratory, radiology or TRICARE, and then requires family practice, dental, SMART or immunizations will have to do just the opposite," he said.

Captain Waid said careful consideration has gone into provision of as-needed emergency care on either side of building 137, as well as to allowing the easiest accessibility on the opposite side of building 61 during the Bitburg Annex ER's renovation.

"The enhancements will move all Bitburg Annex ER functions to the multi-specialty care clinic," the captain said. "If a patient presents at the 'current' ER door, they will see a storyboard on the door which clearly depicts

the alternate entrance."

Patients will also see illuminated signs at night that will help indicate the new entrance.

Captain Waid added that all possible measures have been taken at both facilities to ensure the most expedient patient care while attempting to minimize factors such as exposure to inclement weather (slipping on snow), confusion concerning the alternate entrances and compromise of patient privacy.

"The medical facility renovations allow us to enhance our hospital and clinic with a few much-needed improvements, providing a much nicer environment for our patients as they seek care," said Col. Jay Neubauer, 52nd MDG commander. "Quality facilities should always go with quality care and the dedicated healthcare professionals working in the 52nd MDG."

Facility-related questions for either building 61 or 137 can be directed to facility management at 452-3153 or for 137-specific questions to 452-8106.

AF climate survey runs through Nov. 23

Staff reports

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) -- Airmen will have the power to shape the Air Force of the future through the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey that is now accessible online.

"This survey will help us ensure we are taking care of our most important asset -- our people," said Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. T. Michael Moseley. "We have used the most advanced information-masking reporting software available to ensure your identity will be protected. The questions in the survey itself are intentionally hard-hitting, and I fully expect your direct, honest and candid feedback."

Wing officials emphasized the importance of participating in the survey.

"This is your opportunity to provide honest feedback, both positive and negative, to our wing leadership," said Maj. Meredith Costey, 52nd Mission Support Squadron commander. "This survey is *your voice* and I highly encourage you to take the 40 minutes to share your concerns."

The survey, themed "Speak Today, Shape Tomorrow," provides a unique total force perspective and includes active-duty, Reserve, Air National Guard and both appropriated and nonappropriated funded civilians. The identities of each participant are protected and every response is reviewed for consideration.

In past surveys, respondents have provided feedback on issues that affect their organization's ability to perform the mis-

sion, such as resources, training and development and unit flexibility. This year, respondents are being asked to provide feedback on their immediate supervisor's "enduring competencies."

The Air Force's enduring competencies are the personal, managerial and leadership qualities that should be common to all Air Force members. These results will provide senior leaders with a valuable baseline of the competencies used for force development.

"It's your chance to provide honest and straightforward answers to issues that directly affect you and your fellow Airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray.

Major Costey outlined the long-term impact and potential benefits of survey participation.

"The results of the survey will be presented to your wing leadership in March 2006," the major said. "At that time, leadership will have your recommended roadmap for positive improvements. For example, if Airmen from various units identify a training deficiency, the wing will be able to identify a wing-wide training concern and make appropriate improvements. Our wing goals are to "prepare to fight, fight to win and take care of each other," so we need the information the surveys will provide.

The survey is available and can be accessed, from work or at home, through Nov. 23 online at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>. (Courtesy of the Air Force Manpower Agency)

Druggists urge medication awareness as part of National Pharmacy Week

By Senior Master Sgt. David Hartmann
52nd Medical Support Squadron

Most people who pick up pictures from developers look closely at the envelope's contents before leaving the photo lab.

They may open the bag, pull out the photos, and scrutinize them to make sure that every single picture is perfect.

Why should it be any different when people pick up their prescriptions from the pharmacy?

People sometimes grab their medications and make a dash for the car, many of them never taking the time to open the bag to see if it is theirs.

This is what frequently happened in pharmacies everywhere before pharmacists began formal patient counseling.

It is always best for people to check their prescriptions and ensure they thoroughly understand why and how the medication should be taken.

Those who take the time to read the label may still feel uncomfortable trying to decipher what the label, directions and indications mean.

People often know what a good print from the developer looks like and can typically be confident in their feelings when things are not quite right.

How can people feel as confident about their medicine?

The road to understanding medications begins in the clinic with physicians or physician's assistants.

Try to listen closely, taking the time to understand why the doctor or PA prescribes this medication.

Be sure to share any questions or concerns there may be about medication. The next step is at the pharmacy, where pharmacists or pharmacy technicians can offer further assistance.

People now have another chance to



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Senior Airman Jasmine Ratcliffe, 52nd Medical Support Squadron pharmacy technician, refills the PharmASSIST medication dispensing machine Oct. 7. Doctors, physicians assistants and pharmacists can assist people in understanding their medication and its usage. People can find supplementary online pharmacy information by visiting the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists at www.ashp.org or the American Pharmacists Association at www.aphanet.org.

make sure they understand what they are taking and how they should take it.

Listening to pharmacists, doctors and PAs allows people to compare and make sure that their healthcare provider's intentions were clearly communicated.

Next, try to do a little reading. New patient counseling laws require people to get printed materials explaining all new prescriptions.

Make sure to read the material, comparing what was read with what the doctor advised, the counseling received from the pharmacy and the patient's condition.

In the end, people may find it is not as hard as they once thought -- they might even be surprised how quickly they will understand their medications.

The bottom line is that people are an important part in their own health care and, in many ways, they are the most important member of their health care team.

The 52nd Medical Group Pharmacy staff takes a lot of pride in the trust that their patients give, but the pharmacist team here never forgets that the best patient care only happens when the patient is actively involved.

So next time people pick up prescriptions for themselves or one of their children, do not be too shy to ask questions.

Get all the necessary information and do not walk away until all prescription needs are "picture perfect."

For more information, call the 52nd MDG Pharmacy at 452-3301.



Staff Sgt. Marie Cassetty

'Spirit of Rhein-Main'

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany -- From left to right: Lt. Gen. Christopher A. Kelley, Air Mobility Command vice commander, Col. (ret.) Gail Halvorsen, and Col. Bradley Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, unveil the newly named "Spirit of Rhein-Main" during the Rhein-Main Air Base Closure ceremony here Oct. 10. The ceremony officially marked an end of 60 years of airlift history. Flying at Rhein-Main ended Sept. 30, and the "Gateway to Europe" will transition to Ramstein and Spangdahlem Air Bases in Germany.

Wing announces end-of-year buys

By Capt. Tom Crosson
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 52nd Comptroller Squadron released a list of items, projects and services purchased with wing funds remaining at the end of the 2005 fiscal year.

The wing's funding strategy for the end of FY2005 included tackling wing readiness requirements, posturing the base for the coming winter months and fixing shortfalls that can pay dividends in the next fiscal year.

More than \$2 million was allocated and spent among three key areas: readiness, quality of life and service related needs.

The following is a sample of what was purchased this month with the remaining funds:

Readiness

- ♦ Additional vehicle maintenance resources
- ♦ Upgrades to the command post
- ♦ Snow and ice removal chemicals and equipment
- ♦ GPS and night vision equipment

Quality of Life

- ♦ Furniture for single and unaccompanied servicemembers

- ♦ Repairs to Bitburg's front gate
- ♦ Cold weather gear for maintenance personnel
- ♦ Transfer of F-86 display from Bitburg to Spangdahlem

Service

- ♦ Landscaping equipment and storage
- ♦ Communications infrastructure equipment
- ♦ Aircraft mishap response kit
- ♦ Foreign object debris prevention program equipment
- ♦ Aeronautical publications library for flying squadrons



Tech. Sgt. Patricia Fountain

Top Saber Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Nathan Ash
Unit: 702nd Munitions Support Squadron
Duty title: Communications maintenance technician
Hometown: Huber Heights, Ohio
Years in service: Five
Nominee's contributions to 38th Combat Support Wing mission success: Sergeant Ash maintains and repairs secure satellite command and control systems and the weapons storage and security system supporting NATO's mission. From working 14-hour days for 21 days straight to complete a EUCOM modernization project, or accomplishing his six additional duties in an immaculate condition, Sergeant

Ash always strives to better himself, his work center and the Air Force. He has completed all classes for award of his Community College of the Air Force degree in electronic systems technology and has recruited members to join the Air Force Sergeants Association. Sergeant Ash lives by the motto "Mission, Members, Me."

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Sergeant Ash volunteers one hour per week to tutor Spangdahlem Middle School students and is an active member of AFSA. He takes classes toward his bachelor's degree in information technology at Colorado Technical University.

What do you do for fun? I like going to all the festivals in Germany. The most recent thing I went to was Rhine Aflame in St. Goar.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I like all the opportunities to travel. I'm from a small town in Ohio and it's really great to get out and see other cultures.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Team Eifel? I'd like to see more employment opportunities for military spouses.

Wing lauds USAFE civil engineer award winners

Staff reports

U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials recently announced their 2005 Civil Engineer Unit, flight and individual awards.

Outstanding Civil Engineer Unit Award runner up: 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Maj. Gen. Robert C. Thompson Outstanding Resources Flight of the Year winner: 52nd CES

Maj. Gen. Clifton D. Wright Outstanding Operations Flight of the Year runner up: 52nd CES

Chief Master Sgt. Ralph E. Sanborn Outstanding Fire Protection Flight of the Year winner: 52nd CES

Senior Master Sgt. Gerald J. Stryzak Outstanding Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight of the Year winner: 52nd CES

Col. Frederick J. Riemer Outstanding Readiness Flight of the Year winner: 52nd CES

Harry P. Rietman Award winner: Mr. Udo Stuermer, 52nd CES

Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year Award winner (civilian manager): Mr. Ralph Weinrebe, 52nd CES

Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year Award runner up (civilian

supervisor): Mr. Art Seywert, 52nd CES
Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year Award (civilian technician) winner: Mr. Wolfgang Richard, 52nd CES

Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year Award runner up: Lt. Col. Mitchell Gordon, 52nd CES

Chief Master Sgt. Larry R. Daniels Award winner: Master Sgt. Robert Thompson, 52nd CES

Society of American Military Engineers Newman Medal winner: Capt. Paul J. Waite, 52nd CES

Society of American Military Engineers Goddard Medal winner:

Senior Master Sgt. Mark Bartlett, 52nd CES

Balchen Post Award winner: 52nd CES

Department of Defense Military Fire Officer of the Year runner up (military): Master Sgt. James Wenger, 52nd CES

DOD Military Firefighter of the Year runner up (military): Senior Airman Gregor Teague, 52nd CES

DOD Military Firefighter of the Year winner (civilian): Mr. Frank Weis, 52nd CES



Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

They had the "drive" ... the **52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operators and drivers** safely transported more than 490 Sabers and about 65 tons of short cargo to and from Rhein-Main Air Base terminal, Frankfurt International Airport and Ramstein Air Base terminal in support of the current air and expeditionary force 7/8 deployment rotation. Taster's choice ... **Senior Airman Shaquana Roberts** ran all the management operations at the Jet Blast Dining Facility in the absence of the manager and assistant manager for nearly a month. We have grounds to salute **Rudi Kalli** for exceptional work as the head groundskeeper for both the USAFE and intramural softball tournaments -- and for earning a USAFE Pat on the Back. **Larry White** didn't tarry when it came to the daily set up of a laptop computer and projector for training sessions in the Brick House.

52nd Maintenance Group

High marks for **Master Sgt. Shannon Hyatt**, whose dazzling performance as the project liaison officer for the USAFE Sure Fire 2005 weapons loading competition made the weapons crews from Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, and Aviano Air Base, Italy, feel right at home -- not to mention Sergeant Hyatt made sure the trophy stayed here where it belongs. **Senior Airman Benjamin Bodtke** did a "smashing" job of testing vital hydraulic hoses over Labor Day weekend for a 459th Air Reserve Wing KC-135 from RAF Mildenhall, England. His actions helped save a training mission about \$100,000 and were lauded by the 52nd Maintenance Group commander. Kudos are an open and shut case for **Senior Airman**



Robert Black, who spearheaded the research and manufacture of an F-16 emergency engine shut-down box for the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department. He acquired all necessary parts needed to build this life-saving piece of equipment from scratch. These NCOs know how to accessorize ... **Master Sgt. Eddie Fowl**

and **Tech. Sgt. Chris Allen** were hand picked to represent the accessories flight as part of the 52nd Maintenance Group logistics standardization and evaluation preparation team. Their vast knowledge will assist the group's inspection prepping next month.

52nd Medical Group

A stomp and a salute for **Maj. Laura Butler**, who coordinated the Special Training of Military Parents disability and special education training for 42 people Sept. 19-20. It was no small feat for **Biggi Hardig** to help out in dental supply by making bar codes and organizing the shelves. Let's supply a salute to **Senior Airman Pat Thongchanh**, who spearheaded the medical logistics war reserve worth more than \$85,000 and ensures deployers get the supplies needed to take care of their patients.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

A salute "down by the schoolyard" goes to **Staff Sgt. Julio Cedeno**, for provision of joint host-nation U.S. security command and control and primary security for the U.S. and Belgium NATO strike mission during contingencies.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!

(Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



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Top Saber Team

Unit name: 702nd Munitions Support Squadron Communications Maintenance Team

A brief description of unit responsibilities: The team defends, maintains and employs NATO's premier weapons to the highest possible standards.

Number of members: Six -- Staff Sgt. Nathan Ash, Tech. Sgt. Todd Borger Senior Airman Ray Daniel and Tech. Sgt. Joseph Kazimer. Not pictured are: Staff Sgt. Brandon Jacobson and Manwell Clark

How does the team fit into the 38th Combat Support Wing's mission? The work center is qualified on two career fields to provide in-depth troubleshooting of critical command and control equipment to ensure the distribution of emergency action messages. They are also qualified on the weapons storage and security system, ensuring the protection of NATO's weapons. Additionally, the team is qualified as Custodial Force Members. As CFMs, they provide security of NATO's premier weapons valued at more than \$500 million.

Team's other contributions through the year? The communications maintenance work center's superb troubleshooting, unparalleled coordination between headquarters and state-side system engineers, and in-depth fault isolation quickly resolved an unprecedented system malfunction. Their quick response and repair actions ensured the protection of NATO's \$500 million protection level 1 assets.

Red Ribbon Week highlights commitment to drug-free life

By Capt. Michael Cumberworth
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs
Office

The 52nd Medical Group and Department of Defense Dependents Schools kick off Red Ribbon Week here Oct. 23, joining the nationwide anti-drug campaign that memorializes the 1985 kidnapping and death of a Drug Enforcement Agency special agent.

The annual campaign honoring special agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena began as a show of community support after his murder by Mexican drug traffickers, and now in its 20th year is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the U.S.

"The goal of Red Ribbon Week at Spangdahlem AB is to take a stand as a community against alcohol, tobacco and illegal drug use," said Mark Tack, drug demand reduction program manager. "This campaign seeks to foster a sense of community and to form a united front against substance abuse and the damage it can cause to individuals and to our Air Force family."

A history of Red Ribbon Week on the DEA Web site tells how the campaign grew from hundreds of "Camarena Club" members in agent Camarena's hometown of Calexico, Calif., wearing red ribbons and pledging to lead drug-free lives to honor the sacrifices made by him and other agents.

The event developed over time, eventually gaining national recognition with the help of former first lady Nancy Reagan, and becoming a vehicle for communities to educate children and adults alike on the

dangers of substance abuse.

"School-age children are the primary focus, but all youth and adults, military and civilians, Americans and locals are highly encouraged to get involved," said Mr. Tack. "This is an opportunity for kids to ask experts honest questions about drugs and alcohol, for parents to talk with their kids about these issues."

Activities during the week of Oct. 23-29 include a Red Ribbon Walk, essay contests at both middle schools and information fairs around base. However, the messages and ideas behind Red Ribbon Week are something the Red Ribbon Committee wants to emphasize year-round.

"My goal is to increase communication between the

students and their parents and other important people in their life," said Cheri Helfenstein, Spangdahlem Middle School nurse. "If this type of communication is already occurring in the elementary and middle school years, it's a great foundation for the years to come."

"Everyone in the Spangdahlem AB community needs to know that without their vigilance, we are as vulnerable as any other community to the damage drug and alcohol abuse can create," said Staff Sgt. Khalisha Savage, Alcohol, Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment clinic counselor. "We have already received enormous support from the entire community."

For more information on drug abuse prevention and treatment, call the ADAPT clinic at 452-8321.



Support Red Ribbon Week

- ♦ **Wear** a red ribbon during this week of celebration to show support and provide red ribbons to friends, family members, co-workers, and other concerned adults in the community.
- ♦ **Hold** a forum for parents and their children in schools about the effects of drugs and encourage parents and children to talk about their concerns and thoughts.
- ♦ **Partner** with local video stores and place red ribbons on the boxes of movies that realistically portray the impact alcohol and other drugs have on people's lives.
- ♦ **Ask** clergy and members of the religious community to talk about the importance of leading by example during their sermons and services.
- ♦ **Volunteer** at Red Ribbon events at local schools.
- ♦ **Encourage** people in the workplace to adopt a school or a classroom.
- ♦ **Provide** t-shirts and hats for students who participate in Red Ribbon activities.

(Source: Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse)

Team Eifel racks up major crash, 10 minor collisions since last week

By David Barker
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel had one major accident and 10 minor collisions during the last week.

The sole major crash was in Saarbrücken and was caused by driving too fast for road and weather conditions. The driver struck another vehicle from behind.

Sabers were involved in 10 minor collisions: three from improper backing, five from inattentive driving, and two from wildlife accidents.

Drivers' facts

Wing members who are involved in accidents must call as soon as possible the 52nd Security

Forces Squadron at 452-6666 or 06565-616666 from off base.

Not reporting any accident can result in a six-month suspension of the driver's license.

Remember to place the emergency triangle approximately 100 meters behind the accident scene.

Turn on four-way hazard lights and remain at the scene until security forces troops or the Polizei release the scene.

Helpful contact numbers

Security forces (from base).....110
Ramstein Air Base (off base).....06371-47-2050
U.S. Forces Police.....0631-536-6060
First sergeants Ride for Life.....06575-1010
Airmen Against Drunk Driving.....06565-61-2233



Space-A travel soon to be reality for wing members

By Maj. William Webb
726th Air Mobility Squadron

The 726th Air Mobility Squadron's upcoming move here from Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, Saturday allows for Space-Available, or Space-A, travel from Spangdahlem Air Base.

Space-A travel offers rides for free on military aircraft and for a small fee on chartered aircraft.

Space-A passengers traveling on military charters must pay federal inspection service and international air transportation taxes.

Space-A passengers travel in one of six categories: category 1 for emergency leave; category 2 for environmental morale leave (EML); category 3 for active duty on ordinary leave and permissive temporary-duty for house hunting; category 4 for unaccompanied dependents on EML; category 5 for unaccompanied command-sponsored dependents and permissive TDY; and category 6 for retired military.

Passengers are selected for available seats in order of their respective category first and then by date and time of sign-up.

While military cargo and passengers have priority, Space-A travel is a great quality of life benefit for eligible military identification card holders who have the time and patience.

The commercial contract flights previously available at Rhein-Main AB began going through Ramstein AB Oct. 1. These flights provide the overwhelming majority of Space-A opportunities.

Flexibility will be especially important at Spangdahlem AB as there will not be any regularly scheduled missions. Therefore, Space-A opportunities and destinations will vary greatly. Space-A travelers are encouraged to have a back-up plan including money for a return ticket in case a return flight is not available.

The operating hours for the Spangdahlem AB Passenger Terminal will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 7 p.m.

The Spangdahlem AB public Web site contains a great deal of helpful information on travel eligibility and categories, required documentation, sign-up procedures and local area information.

Release of information is a balance between the passenger's need for information and the need to safeguard information for operations security and force protection.

Unfortunately, there are no guarantees with Space-A travel, but with a little preparation and flexibility, this travel privilege can be a great opportunity.

General information such as show times and passenger pick-up times will be available on the 726th AMS Passenger Information Line at 452-8860. For more details about Space-A travel eligibility and categories, visit <http://public.amc.af.mil/Library/SPACEA/spacea.htm> or the Spangdahlem public site at <http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/>.



Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat

Mr. Sandman

KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq - Senior Airman Nathan Hargrafen, a readiness technician with the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron here, deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, uses an all terrain vehicle to reach areas of the base that might otherwise be difficult or impossible to get to in a more traditional vehicle.

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The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the *Eifel Times* and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

■ DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil

■ Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126

■ To PA in building 23.
■ Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.



Col. Dave Goldfein

October Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	299	94	+11
23FS	301	94	+2
81FS	284	77	+1

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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View from the top

CC's winning edge: The NCO corps

By Col. Richard G. Naughton,
38th Munitions Maintenance Group commander

General Bruce C. Clarke once stated, "There never has been a good army without a good noncommissioned officer corps." Any questions?

This quote is simple, vital and most of all ... absolutely true! Throughout history, the emergence of the NCO corps defined the professional armies from angry hoards ... victors from the defeated. Instead of having one leader and "all others," the professionals had leaders at every level – planning, executing and adjusting quicker than their foes – working efficiently up and down the chain.

The professionals fought as one while the hoards fought as individuals. Those with well-developed and motivated NCO corps were and remain today better organized, trained, cared for and focused. They, down to the individual troop, know who they are and where they are going, which are two essentials for winning units. They are simply better because of what NCOs provide: experience, troop identity, credibility and position in the chain of command.

Commanders fully rely on their units' NCOs to make things happen ... and happen right! The unique experience of the NCO ensures the unit has an in-depth, realistic and full understanding of situations, challenges and resources. They put the right resources at the right time and get the job done right!

The first reason, experience, is invaluable to the commander and must be considered when he or she

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moves the unit in any direction. It is equally important to the troop who depends on that experience for guidance as well as how they should approach situations. The airman is building his or her own level of experience – their own toolbox – so that eventually they too can fill the critical NCO role.

As most of you know, the airman will study their NCOs and learn what and what not to do. This is because of the second reason – troop identity. Airmen identify closest with the NCOs. An Airman may comprehend 50 percent of a commander's message, but 80-100 percent when the NCO communicates it. It is this on which so much of the Air Force's future depends.

This teaching and mentoring relationship between the airman and NCO molds our future leaders. Although centralized training serves a significant role, it is this mentoring at the units that puts theory into practice. It is what allows our units to complete

Profession of arms

Counselor who joined military for internship learns there's more to Air Force than service

By Lt. Col. Steven Caberto
52nd Medical Operations Squadron

Being a member of the Armed Services today can take on a multitude of different meanings, perceptions and interpretations. Given the geopolitical atmosphere felt across the world, the varying views of the Armed Services are probably at their widest.

People find themselves at a place in time, on a point in life's map, where a decision has to be made. We often find ourselves asking, "What do I want to do with my life? There's got to be something more."

Facing that very crossroad in 1985 I found myself at the pinnacle of my profession given the present level of my education. Entering the "There's got to be something more!" stage of life, I decided to pursue a doctorate degree in counseling psychology. The next three years would be dedicated to learning how to provide the best therapeutic opportunity for my patients.

Before being granted the doctorate, a one-year internship had to be completed. With a wife and two small children, it was evident that the typical salary of \$6,000 annually as an intern

was not enough to live on. We looked into the option of joining the military.

Upon joining the Air Force I carefully looked at all the factors associated with making this decision. The pay was good, the location was close to home and the training would prove very good. The only drawback was the commitment. For every year the Air Force gave in training, I was committed to giving them back two.

We decided that it was in our best interest to take the opportunity. The investment of three years seemed well worth the pay difference between a civilian internship and the pay of an Air Force Officer. After all, what's three years out of the rest of your life?

Upon entering the internship-training program my approach was, "Don't worry, in three years it will all be over and done with." Our strategy was to fulfill my military commitment and find a private practice where I could have a powerful impact on patients.

My internship year and first assignment at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio was a great training opportunity, followed by a spectacular

assignment to Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C. It was a truly eye-opening experience, transitioning from the comforts of a large training program with a multitude of seasoned, veteran psychologists to a small mental health clinic where I was the most senior and seasoned clinician. This was to be my first taste of reality.

In August 1990 another challenge was developing -- conflicts in the Middle East. As the coalition formed, we were deployed to the middle of a sweltering isolated desert, facing aggressive opposition from our enemy. Focusing my energy on my specialty, I did what I could to help keep the troops mentally ready and fully capable of performing the mission: fixing aircraft, arming planes and putting bombs on target. After several months of this unbelievable experience, I came home to my wife and children knowing there was another challenge just around the corner.

The end of our three-year commitment was only a few months away and the vision of starting a private practice was well within reach. I found myself at the same crossroad contemplating

their missions better than anyone else.

If an NCO does not see, for example, mentoring as central to their role, they are selling their airman, unit and themselves short. If this occurs they lose the very powerful third reason that NCOs make units better – credibility. Without a doubt, credibility is earned and it must be earned each and every day.

The NCO – by virtue of his or her well-earned chevrons will initially be "advanced" credibility, but if he or she does not continue to earn it they will become ineffective. However, when they step up and mentor, support the Airmen, spearhead the commander's intent and show they are a leader on the team, then there are very few individuals in any profession who have as much impact as the NCO.

Given the first three reasons, the NCO must be positioned in the chain to use his or her experience, troop identity and credibility. In other words, the NCOs' position in the chain, at the junction between the commander and the Airman, within the NCO network is designed to make things happen!

Today we are often challenged by personnel, resource and overall funding shortages while working to accomplish our unit missions. It is that "extra" that strong NCOs bring to the fight that ensures we do get the mission done in the toughest of environments. All of us, the commanders, officers, and most of all, Airmen, appreciate all the "extras" that our strong NCOs provide. We rely on it and say "thanks" for stepping up and making us the best!

the very same issues I had when I decided to enter the Air Force. However, the questions, "What do I want to do with my life? There's got to be something more," were somehow very different this time.

Coming into the Air Force, I saw myself as a "specialist," having spent almost 19-years in an academic setting. The brief time that was spent in the classroom of life, in the middle of a desert, was life changing for me. It afforded me the opportunity to see myself, not merely a "specialist" in the U.S. Air Force, but a member of a truly elite military organization.

Unlike the reason I entered the Air Force, the money was no longer the motivation for staying. I am no longer merely someone with a unique set of skills, but a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, ready to defend our country and Constitution to the end. It is my hope that my story inspires you to search deep within yourself to answer the same types of questions that I have faced in my military career. My ultimate hope is that you find a similar answer, "This is my Profession of Arms!"



Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



Volunteer appreciation party

A casino bash party to show appreciation for base volunteers takes place Saturday from 5-10 p.m. in the Brick House. Event features a free cookout, casino games and an auction. All volunteers get \$100 Brick House game bucks for free. Other player game bucks cost \$5 for \$100.

SSEMC bake sale

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club sells baked items Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Base Exchange. Proceeds benefit Hurricane Katrina military community relief efforts.

Sports day volunteers needed

Youth Services seeks volunteers to help with sports day events taking place Oct. 29. Volunteers are needed to set up events, to conduct events and to clean up. Call Airman 1st Class Milien Corinne at 452-6141 to register.

BES volunteers needed

Bitburg Elementary School seeks volunteers to take photographs for its year book, and to run after-school homework and math clubs. For details, visit the Parent and Teacher Association meeting taking place Oct. 28 from 5-8 p.m.

Airman's Attic

Spangdahlem Air Base's Airman's Attic is now open in building 408-A in the Military Family Housing area Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. Call Else Wingert at 452-9491 for details.

Variety show

Apollo Night at Club Eifel takes place Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. The event benefits King Citadel Military Lodge No. 163. Tickets cost \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Call Staff Sgt. Shawn Huggins at 06561-694957 for advance ticket purchase.

Girl Scouts

A meeting about the benefits of volunteering for the Girl Scouts takes place today from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the base youth center gym. Call Kim Shock at

452-9190 or e-mail SpangdahlemGirlScouts@hotmail.com for details.

Christmas bazaar

A Christmas bazaar takes place at the Bitburg Annex Base Exchange Oct. 21-30 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Red Ribbon Week

The Red Ribbon Campaign symbolizes intolerance for drug abuse. The campaign's mission is to present a unified and visible commitment toward the creation of a drug-free community. Events include:

- ♦ Middle schoolers hand out Red Ribbon cards Oct. 24 from 11:15 a.m. to noon and Oct. 25 from 8:15-9 a.m. at the base post offices, exchanges and commissaries to increase community awareness.

- ♦ The Team Eifel community is invited to join a Red Ribbon march Oct. 25. The event starts at 1:15 p.m. in front of Spangdahlem Middle School.

Breast cancer awareness

A depression and breast cancer awareness luncheon takes place Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2001. The family support center seeks breast cancer survivors to be part of a speaker's panel during the luncheon. Call Lynn Luria of the family support center at 452-9491 for details.

Self pet wash

The Pet Spa self pet wash has tools, shampoo and drying equipment for pet grooming. Staff members are available to answer questions. Cost is \$5 per pet. Customers are registered to win monthly contests. Prizes include dog sweaters, boots, kenneling discounts, treats and more. Call 452-9362 for information.

ARC volunteers needed

The American Red Cross seeks volunteer in the following positions: activities director, youth programs director, and a fundraiser and publicity chairperson. Call the ARC Office at 452-9400.

Job fair

A local-agency job fair takes place Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Club Eifel. Call 452-9491 or 452-6422 for details.

Family advocacy news

For more information about the following programs, call 452-8279.

- ♦ A class about caring for children through divorce takes place Oct. 24 from 1-3 p.m. at Spangdahlem AB building 161.

- ♦ A class in anger management takes place four consecutive Tuesdays from 9-10:30 a.m., starting Oct. 25.

- ♦ The breast pump program assists mothers of newborns.

Holiday Bazaar

Event coordinators seek volunteers. E-mail iwanttovolunteer@hotmail.com for details or to register.

Halloween events

- ♦ The 606th Air Control Squadron is open for trick-or-treating Oct. 28, starting at 3 p.m. Children and parents are welcome to visit the squadron in costume for family photos and frightful mischief.

- ♦ The 52nd Comptroller Squadron costume party takes place Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the base pavilion near the bowling center. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up and candy donations. Call Stephanie Miller at 06571-952201 for more information.

- ♦ Spooky story readings and a costume contest take place Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB Library and at 4:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Library.

- ♦ A preteen costume and dance party for youth ages 6-12 takes place Oct. 28 from 7-9 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex Teen Center. Cost is \$4 for members, \$6 for visitors and free for Torch Club members. A party for teenagers ages 13-18 takes place Oct. 29 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the center. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for visitors and free for Keystone Club members.

- ♦ A costume party and chili cook-off sponsored by the Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Club takes place Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Binsfeld outdoor forest pavilion. Call Craig Sweeney at 06575-901785 for details.

- ♦ A Combat Care Fall Harvest party takes place Oct. 29 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center. Activities include pumpkin carving and tug-of-war, races and temporary tattoo art. Children are encouraged to bring a pillowcase to decorate and use as a treat bag.

Chapel Services

Spangdahlem AB

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (Building 139)
- ♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m. Protestant
- ♦ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., traditional service
- ♦ Sunday, 1 p.m., Korean service
- ♦ Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

Bitburg Annex

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m. Protestant
- ♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service

For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281.

Champagne Sunday Brunch

Come out and enjoy a Relaxing Sunday Brunch at

Club Eifel

Sunday, Oct. 23

1st Seating 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

2nd Seating 1:30 -2:30 p.m.

CALL 452-4639 (Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.) for reservations

Buffet includes:

Crab legs • peel n' eat shrimp • warm pancakes • buttermilk biscuits • southern grits • savory grilled home fries • sausage • crispy bacon • scrambled eggs • golden honey fried chicken • steamed buttery vegetables • roasted new potatoes • rice pilaf • full salad bar • omelet bar • Belgian waffles with toppings galore • carved honey cured ham • steamship round of beef • assorted breads and cheese • assorted mouth-watering desserts • and champagne!

\$14.95 Members

\$16.95 Nonmembers

Members' Kids \$6 (ages 6-12), FREE (0-5)

Nonmembers' Kids \$7.50



Der Markt

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The *Eifel Times* staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Oct. 20. Times and movies are subject to change. For more information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

The Transporter 2 (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Retired ex-Special Forces operative Frank makes a living driving for the wealthy Billings family. When the children are kidnapped, Frank defies the FBI to get the boys to safety.

The Great Raid (R, 9:30 p.m.)

The true story of the 6th Ranger Battalion's effort to free 500 American prisoners from a Japanese prisoner of war camp in the Philippines in 1945.

Saturday

Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Bo and Luke Duke, their cousin Daisy and Uncle Jesse try to save the family farm from being destroyed by Hazzard County's corrupt commissioner Boss Hogg.

The Great Raid (9:30 p.m.)

Sunday

Dukes of Hazzard (4 p.m.)

The Transporter 2 (7 p.m.)

Monday

The Transporter 2 (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

The Great Raid (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

The Cave (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

A rescue team is sent down into the world's largest cave system to try to find the spelunkers who first explored its depths. When the group's escape route is cut off, they are hunted by the monstrous creatures that live down below.

Must Love Dogs (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

Sarah, a divorced teacher who has sworn off dating, finds her family pushing her back into the dating world by placing a personal ad for her stating, "must love dogs," despite the fact that Sarah doesn't own a dog herself.

Saturday

The Cave (7 p.m.)

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (R, 9:30 p.m.)

Deuce Bigalow is seduced back to his pleasure-for-pay profession, when his former pimp is implicated in the murders of Europe's greatest gigolos and he must clear his friend's name.

Sunday

Must Love Dogs (4 p.m.)

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (7 p.m.)

Thursday

The Cave (7 p.m.)

Saber spouse's work takes the limelight

ACT-Eifel's Night of One Acts features BHS instructor's play

By Dr. Rebecca Luttrell Briley
Bitburg High School instructor

The housing market is hot and people are buying and selling at an unprecedented volume, which is why Margaret Crawford's recently authored one-act play, "Open House," is so timely.

The one-act play "Open House," directed by Dr. Rebecca Briley, portrays a cross-section of age groups, from a tiny baby to a World War II veteran. As each segment of the community stops by to view the house for sale, they reveal the various stages of life we all have or will come to experience.

Primarily a poet, the play "Open House" is Mrs. Crawford's first attempt at writing for the theatre. Her story idea derived from watching the fun her family experienced when they are acting. Both her husband, Chief Master Sgt. Robert Crawford of the 52nd Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight, and her two children, Andrew and Caroline, have entertained Team Eifel members in ACT Eifel and Bitburg High School performances since the family's arrival from Japan three years ago.

Mrs. Crawford admits that "in nearly 30 years of marriage, at some point Rob and I have been most (but not all) of these couples." When her husband retires next year and the family moves to Missouri, Mrs. Crawford envisions that she and her husband will be the final couple who is "just looking for that little place by the lake."

Mrs. Crawford's son, Andrew, is a 2004 graduate of BHS and is currently studying drama at the University of Missouri. Well-loved for his portrayal of the lead character in the BHS production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," and as Edward Rutledge in "1776," Andrew continues to impress audiences with his acting and musical talents. He and his father won a local Father-Son talent contest by performing Cat Steven's song "Father and Son," which is just one selection from the team's repertoire.

Mrs. Crawford's daughter, Carrie, is a BHS senior who starred as the queen in last year's BHS production of "The Bacchae," and performed as the mentally challenged character, Rose, in "Dancing at Lughnasa."

Although Mrs. Crawford prefers not to be on the stage herself, she wanted in on the act and decided that the best way she could contribute to the theater world is by writing plays her immediate family and her extended ACT-Eifel family could perform.

As much as she is enjoying the theater experience, Mrs. Crawford's first choice for creative self-expression is sculpting. Audience members of the high school's production of "Bacchae"

ACT Eifel Presents:

A Night of One Acts

A Family theater event!

Light refreshments will be served during the performance

"Open House"
Written by ACT Eifel's own Margaret Crawford
Directed by Rebecca Briley

"All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"
Select scenes from the production by Ernest Zulla
Directed by Judi Harvin

Friday and Saturday
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Curtain at 7 p.m.

Sunday
Doors open at 12:30 p.m.
Curtain at 1 p.m.

At the Brick House
21, 22, 23 October
\$8 per person • \$5 for children under 12

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saw the 19 masks Mrs. Crawford created for the Greek tragedy. A visit to the Crawford home reveals a myriad of busts and statues, unique to her particular way of seeing things. And although her daughter, who is her favorite model, will be going to college next year, Mrs. Crawford hopes to open a small studio when the family returns to the United States next summer.

Playwriting, though, has not been too much of a distraction from her first profession. In fact, "this has given new direction and inspiration in my sculpture. I think working outside my creative comfort zone has given new meaning to it," Mrs. Crawford said.

The "Open House" audience members will see just how sensible, and sensitive, this new playwright is to who we are and who we all will become.



Oompah the night away

A band leader sounds the alpenhorn to announce the opening of a past Bungert October festival. This year's festival opens today at 7 p.m. in the large heated tent, located on Industriegebiet 3, Roentgenstrasse in Wittlich. The event features Bavarian music, food specialties and, of course, lots of beer during the next four weekends. Tent flaps open Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday is Family Day from noon to 5 p.m., featuring reduced meal prices. There is a 3 euro entry fee on some nights when there is special musical entertainment. People who wish to reserve a party table for groups can call the toll free number 08000-2864378.

Out and About

(Editor's note: For tickets to the below events, unless otherwise stated, call the TV-Ticket-Hotline at 0651-7199-996 or visit www.intrinet.de/tickets. People may also stop by the Bitburg TV office, located on Hauptstrasse 39a for tickets.)

♦ Residents of Binsfeld are invited to join in the town's annual forest walk Sunday. The event starts at 9:30 a.m. from the community hall.

♦ The band a-ha performs Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. in Cologne Koelnarena hall.

♦ The Backstreet Boys perform Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. in Cologne Koelnarena hall.

Register for the following trips at the Information, Tickets and Tours Office by calling 452-6567 at least two weeks before the event date.

♦ Halloween party at Frankenstein's Castle, Oct. 29.

♦ Disneyland Paris, Oct. 29.

♦ Family Halloween party at Frankenstein's Castle, Oct. 30.

Sports Briefs

Aerobics classes

The following exercise classes take place in the base fitness center. Call the center at 452-6634 for details.

Monday: Spinning for strength and endurance at 6 a.m., 5-for-2 at 9 a.m., strength and endurance at 11:30 a.m., Spinning for strength and endurance at 11:30 a.m., circuit training at 3:30 p.m., and kickboxing at 5 p.m.

Tuesday: Interval Spinning at 6 a.m., Spinning for strength and endurance at 11:30 a.m., hardcore at 3:30 p.m.; and legs, arms and butts at 5 p.m.

Wednesday: Spinning for strength and endurance at 6 a.m.; legs, arms and butts at 9 a.m., strength and endurance at 11:30 a.m., Spinning for strength and endurance at 11:30 a.m., circuit training at 3:30 p.m., and Spinning for strength and endurance at 4 p.m.

Thursday: Interval Spinning at 6 and 11:30 a.m., hardcore at 3:30 p.m.; and legs, arms and butts at 5 p.m.

Friday: Spinning for strength and endurance at 6 a.m. and kickboxing at 11:30 a.m.

Halloween race

A fun run takes place Oct. 28 at noon from the base fitness center. Runners are encouraged to come in costume, but for safety, nothing should cover the face that could impede sight. Call 452-6634 for details.

For wrestling fans

Fans are encouraged to attend a Greco-Roman wrestling tournament that takes place Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Ramstein AB southside fitness center.

Sports shooting info

Team Eifel members who have sports shooting weapons stored in the armory and are interested in acquiring a Weapons Possession Card (WBK) can call Mike Kirsch of Outdoor Recreation at 452-7170 for information.

Racquetball tourney

The Halloween Racquetball Invitational takes place Oct. 29-30 at 9 a.m. in the Ramstein AB northside fitness center. Call Lisa Tolarchyk at 480-7623 for details.

Volleyball tourney

Deadline to register for the Turkey Classic Men's Volleyball Invitational is Oct. 21. The tournament takes place Nov. 4-6 and is played in round robin format. Call Lisa Tolarchyk at 480-7623 or 06371-477623.

Fitness center improvements

The Spangdahlem AB fitness center is undergoing renovations now through November. The gym floor is closed for resurfacing now through Oct. 30. All classes usually held in the gym take place in the aerobics room until the resurfacing project is completed. The aerobics room is closed for renovations Oct. 31-Nov. 18. All classes will then take place in the gym until the project is completed.

Choose the right shoes

The 52nd Medical Group physical therapy unit offers shoe and running clinics in the health and wellness center, building 130. Clinics feature one-on-one foot analysis, tips on how to purchase shoes based on foot types, and how to prevent common injuries. One-hour classes take place Thursday at 3 p.m. and Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. Register by calling 452-4295. Class participants should bring their workout sneakers.

Youth basketball and cheerleading

Registration for the upcoming youth basketball and cheerleading season takes place Monday through Nov. 4. The season begins Dec. 5 for youth ages 5-15. Coaches are also needed. Cost is \$35 for ages 5-10 and \$40 for ages 11-15. Register at the Bitburg Annex Teen Center, building 58.



Paintball warriors

PULASKI BARRACKS, Germany -- Above, Tech. Sgt. Jason Young prepares his weapon for the next round of paintball battle during the 431st Air Base Squadron Rod and Gun Club's first speedball tournament at Pulaski Barracks in Heidelberg Oct. 5. Fifteen American and German teams entered the competition from the local area, Heidelberg and Spangdahlem Air Base. Sergeant Young works in the 52nd Maintenance Squadron Quality Assurance section. Above right, Staff Sgts. Derek Miller, left, Kris Kiger, center, and Travis George stand charged for a new game. Sergeants Kiger and Miller are 52nd Maintenance Group weapons academic instructors. Sergeant George is a 23rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit load crew instructor. Right, Staff Sgt. Chris Matthews, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron jet engine mechanic, reloads his paintball gun in between rounds.



Photos by Master Sgt. John E. Lasky



BHS tennis teams spilt with SHAPE high

By Pete Vadney
Bitburg High School tennis coach

It was homecoming last weekend at Bitburg High School and the Baron tennis players were poised to defend unbeaten records against another undefeated school.

When the dust cleared late in the afternoon, the results showed a split decision as the Baron ladies won 7-2, while the men fell to defeat in a close 5-4 match. The women were almost indomitable with Jennica Botonis the only casualty for the day. Botonis took her perfect 4-0 record up against unbeaten Krista Citkovska and fell short losing 6-1, 6-0 in singles.

Botonis' loss did not faze the rest of the ladies though; they proceeded to sweep the rest of the singles matches winning all of them 8-3 or better. Those winners were No. 2 Ashley Fary, No. 3 Jackie Ventrice, No. 4 Sidnei Banks, No. 5 Caitlin Schwartz and No. 6 Audrey Neubauer. In ladies doubles play, Citkovska dominated play again, as Ashley Fary and Jackie

Ventrice fell to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe High School, Belgium, in doubles 6-1, 6-4. Unfortunately for SHAPE, Citkovska could only play in one singles and one doubles match, for they lost the other doubles matches to the Barons. Botonis and Banks worked the No. 2 doubles match to an 8-1 victory, while Schwartz and Neubauer ran off the No. 3 winning 8-0.

The men struggled in singles play as No. 1 John Pendergrass fell for the first time this year 6-1, 6-1. Baron victories in singles were produced by No. 4 Kolby Kruse winning impressively 8-2 and No. 6 Mickey Cavaliero squeaking out a 9-7 match.

Even being down 4-2 after singles play, the Barons rallied in doubles with Pendergrass and Kruse winning the No. 2 doubles match 8-4 and Cavaliero and Colin Dermody pounding the No. 3 doubles Spartan team 8-1. That left it to the No. 1 doubles team of Zack Heath and

Marc Ramos to complete the doubles play sweep and win the overall match. They started out doing just that as they won the first set 6-1. Playing the second set to 5-2 in favor of the home team, it seemed the Barons had the win. Desperate, the Spartans rallied and struggled back to tie the match at 6-6 and force a set tiebreaker. The tiebreaker was close, but the ball bounced in favor of the Spartans and they won it 7-4. In the third set, the Barons became unglued and lost quickly 6-1, sending SHAPE home with their perfect record intact.

This coming week, the Barons have three matches to play. They start the week Monday at Ramstein Air Base, then play Brussels' American High School on Wednesday on Brussels' home courts beginning at 3:30 p.m. The teams finish the week at home again against Stuttgart's Patch American High School. Saturday matches start at 8:30 a.m.



Wild drive

702 MUNSS defender Albin Lutes stretches to grab Michael Willard's flag as the OSS wide receiver drives for a first down during the 2005 Intramural Flag Football Championship game Oct. 5. The OSS beat the 702 MUNSS 28-25, capturing the championship title. The team went 12-2 during the regular season, and undefeated in the double-elimination playoffs.

Ed Marshall